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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: CASC, NP

SUBJ: BICENTENNIAL EVEREST EXPEDITION

1. ARRANGE PURCHASE FROM U.K. EXPEDITION FOLLOWING ITEMS:

(A) HIGH ALTITUDE RATIONS AND ANY OTHER GOOD FOOD. PLEASE
SEND LIST TRIMBLE AND ROACH. ADDITIONAL FOOD LIST MAILED
CHENEY TODAY.

(B) TEN HORNBERN MASKS AND REGULATORS. ALSO APPRECIATE
SOONEST POSSIBLE ADVICE EXPERIENCE CURRENT U.K.-NEPAL
EXPEDITION WITH ROBERTSHAW VERSUS HORNBERN SYSTEMS.

(C) ICEFALL LADDERS PER STATE 088482.

2. DESIRE HMG ARRANGEMENT CLIMB ON LOBUCHE KANG, ISLAND
PEAK, ETC. PER SUNDAY EVENING LETTER. WILL FORWARD NAMES
OTHER DESIRED PEAKS SOON.

3. BLUM HAS WRITTEN LEICA AND MORGAN CONTACTING WHITTIER
HONG KONG AS SUGGESTED SUNDAY EVENING LETTER.

4. EXPEDITION AUTHORIZES HIRE PASANG TO MEET STREATHER,
MAKES PURCHASES, STORAGE AS REQUIRED IN JUDGMENT FISCHER,
READ. INCLUDES CONTRACTING FOR 50 LOGS PER SUNDAY

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5. HAVE DECIDED AGAINST NON-SHERPA PORTERS. ARE ADDING TWO CLIMBERS, BOB CORMACK AND RICK RIDGEWAY, AND CLIMBER DOCTOR, DEE CROUCH. WILL HOLD PARTY AT THAT SIZE.

6. EXPEDITION WILL REIMBURSE AGENTS EXPENSES PER SUNDAY EVENING LETTER.

7. EXPEDITION BELIEVES DESIRABLE KEEP ICE FALL OPEN IF PRACTICAL.

8. PROBABLY WILL PURCHASE TWO SHERPA BASE CAMP TENTS PER READ APRIL 14 LETTER, BUT WOULD LIKE TO DEFER FINAL DECISION PENDING U.S. DONATIONS.

9. PLAN BRING TWELVE THOUSAND FEET FIXED ROPE.

10. LETTERHEAD MAILED PER FISCHER APRIL 12 LETTER. ALSO READ SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED SUPPLY LAST MONTH. EXPEDITION AUTHORIZES FISCHER WRITE DICKENSON AND RILEY.

11. CHECK \$1,000 MAILED CHENEY TODAY FOR LOCAL EXPENSES. SISCO

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